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This is Art Wildhagen, assistant director of public information. This will be a weekend for asking questions at the University of Illinois --questions about engineering, about aviation, and about the military. Asking the questions will be thousands of high school students and their parents, come to the campus at Urbana for a triple-feature Friday and Saturday. More than twenty-thousand visitors are expected. They will have opportunity in this one trip to attend the University of Illinois annual Engineering Open House, the Aviation Open House, and the Pershing Rifles Drill Meet. All of these events are free. In the Engineering Open House, engineering students will seek to show <sup>what</sup> engineering is about and what preparation for this profession involves. They have prepared more than one hundred twenty exhibits, displayed in fourteen buildings of the engineering campus. These exhibits are in many fields from radio astronomy to traffic planning. They will include the PLATO teaching machine, a full-size Mercury spacecraft, and a Gemini space capsule model. Among massive university laboratory equipment on display will be the 340-million volt betatron atom-smasher which carries on research with the invisible inside of the atom, and in Talbot Laboratory, big cylinders of concrete will be smashed every hour by a three-story testing machine capable of exerting 3-million pounds of force. ~~xxxxxxxx~~

The university students and engineering staff are primed to answer a lot of questions. The Engineering Open House is Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A special feature will be a lecture about the Gemini space program given by a research scientist from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The program will include color films of the Gemini project. The lecture and film will be Saturday at 4 p.m. in the University Auditorium. A second feature of the weekend is the Aviation Open House, to be held at University of Illinois-Willard Airport. Parking will be available there and free busses will run from the main campus to the airport.



Open House will be Friday and Saturday, both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors to the airport will find displays of aircraft and of activities of the University's Institute of Aviation which offers two-year technical training programs. Here again, staff and students will be ready to answer questions of visitors about aviation and the university. Third feature of the weekend is the eighteenth annual Illinois Invitational Drill Meet, sponsored by the University of Illinois company of Pershing Rifles, national military society. Sixty-five college and university teams will compete. There will be regulation drill teams, exhibition teams, and coed teams. The meet will be in the university's Assembly Hall, with eliminations Friday night from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The spectacular climax will be Saturday night starting at 7 p.m. when the top three teams in each group will compete for championships. To add to the spectacle, Regular Army units will perform, with the "Old Guard" honor drill team coming from Washington, D. C., the Colonial Color Guard from the 3rd Infantry, a demonstration of Ranger hand-to-hand combat, and a demonstration of the pugil-stick bayonet training device--which incidentally originated in the University of Illinois College of Physical Education. Music for the Assembly Hall events will be by the Air Force Band of the Midwest from Chanute Air Force Base. There will be an Army language training exhibit, and exhibits of arms, vehicles, missiles and artillery. And ~~representative~~ representatives of the Armed Services will be on hand to answer questions about the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and about the Army, Navy, and Air Force. From 9 o'clock Friday morning, until Saturday night when awards are presented, taps sounded and the colors are retired in the Assembly Hall, it's going to be a big weekend for thousands of visitors and for the University of Illinois. This is Art Wildhagen, assistant director of public information, with University of Illinois Report.